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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Yoichi KAWASHIMA : EYE DROPS CONTAINER HAVING DENT  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend claim 4 as follows:**

4. (Amended) The eye drops container according to claim 1, wherein the container body having the barrel portion comprises a container body made of thermoplastic resin material which is filled with a solution simultaneously with its forming operation.